

Appendix C

Objectives in the McCullough Peaks HMA

1985 HMAP OBJECTIVES

- *Improve all acreage that is in a downward range trend, as measured by monitoring plots in key areas, to at least a static or upward trend in 15 years.*
- *To maintain a healthy herd of 100 adult horses allowing a variation of plus 40 and minus 30 animals, through periodic removals*

1990 RMP/ROD OBJECTIVES

- *To maintain a viable herd that will maintain the free-roaming nature of wild horses in a thriving ecological balance.*
- *To provide opportunity for the public to view wild horses.*

RECLAMATION ALLOTMENTS OBJECTIVES in EVALUATION

Resource Goals, Standards and Objectives:

Cody Resource Management Plan (November 8, 1990)

Livestock Grazing Management

To improve forage production and ecological range condition for the benefit of livestock use, wildlife and watershed resources.

Wildlife Habitat Management

Maintain and enhance wildlife resources so that the forage production, quality of rangelands and wildlife habitat will be maintained or improved.

Watershed Management

Stabilize and conserve soils, increase vegetative production and to maintain or improve water quality.

Cultural and Paleontological Resources

Protect study and expand the interpretation of these resources.

Wild Horse Management

Maintain a viable herd in the McCullough Peaks WHHMA that will maintain the free-roaming nature of wild horses in a thriving ecological balance and to provide opportunity for the public to view wild horses.

1. Rangeland Program Summary Objective (September 19, 1991)

Improve forage production and ecological range condition for the benefit of livestock use, wildlife, and watershed resource

3. RMP as Amended Objective (July 21, 1999)

“The livestock grazing management objective is to improve forage production and ecological range condition for the benefit of livestock use, wildlife, and watershed resources consistent with the Standards for Healthy Rangelands and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management for Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the State of Wyoming.”

RECLAMATION ALLOTMENTS OBJECTIVES

1. Short-Term Objectives

Utilization of herbaceous key species will average 40% in allotments entered prior to August 15 and 50% in allotments grazed after August 15. In riparian areas, utilization of key woody species will average 30%.

2. Long-Term Objectives

Upland Trend

Upland Transect I

1. Increase the present herbaceous foliar cover from 5% to 15%.
2. Increase present key grass species (AGSP, STCO, & ORHY) foliar cover from 10% to 20%.

Upland Transect II

1. Increase the present herbaceous foliar cover from 5% to 15%.
2. Increase present key grass species (AGSP, STCO & ORHY) foliar cover from 9.6% to 20%.
As long as significant progress is being made towards meeting either objective for Upland Transects I and II, changes in grazing management are not necessary.

Riparian Trend

Riparian Transect I

1. Increase the desirable herbaceous community types from the baseline 35% composition.
2. Decrease the undesirable herbaceous community type from the present 65% composition.
3. Decrease the woody species (TACH/Salt Cedar) from 17 plants to 0 plants in 5 years.

3. Sage Grouse Habitat Objectives

Sage grouse habitat evaluation and monitoring will be conducted in within the next 4 years. Objectives to maintain or improve grouse nesting and brood rearing habitat will be developed and any changes to grazing management will be implemented as needed to be consistent with grouse habitat objectives.